



I. The Harvest of the Earth

A. God is patiently waiting for the precious fruit of the earth—souls of men. —James 5:7-8

B. Understanding the former and latter rain and its relation to God's calendar is key to seeing God's redemptive plan unfold in its entirety.

1. These are my feasts—moweds, i.e. set times, appointments—Leviticus 23:2

2. The Seven Feasts are dress rehearsals of God's plan of redemption for man in its entirety.

C. Seven feasts and two rain seasons.

1. Spring Feasts: Passover, Un-leavened Bread, First-fruits, Pentecost have been fulfilled prophetically by Our Lord's death, burial and resurrection and the birth of the Church.

Fall Feasts: Trumpets (Rosh Hashanah), Atonement(Yom Kippur)—Israel's day of reconciliation, Tabernacles(Sukkot)—begins after the ingathering of Harvest and is the most joyest of all festivals.

2. When we understand the spring and fall rains, the feasts, we understand Hosea was speaking of 2 divine appointments. ["He shall come to us as the former and latter rain"]—Hosea 5:14,16 & 6:1-3

◆ After 2 days! [2000 years, a time not revealed as to its purpose, a mystery revealed to the Apostle Paul in Ephesians 3:1-6] God would turn toward Israel in bringing about national repentance and restoration.

◆ His going forth*, speaks of the 2nd coming. When you have a date coming up on your calendar don't you make preparations for it?

◆ The Holy Spirit wants every believer to know where we are on God's calendar! EX.: Simeon a man "waiting for the consolation of Israel."

D. *The Day of the Lord*—2 Peter 3:1-9

1. Stir up your minds—God's program should be on the forefront of our thoughts and plans.

2. Be mindful of what O.T. prophets and N.T. apostles have spoken re. the coming of the Lord—more emphasis on the 2nd coming than the 1st.

3. Don't be ignorant of this one thing—God's heart for the lost, his appointment calendar is based on 1 day:1000 years.

E. *Enoch saw the 2nd coming of Christ*



1. He was a man was translated to heaven because he pleased God. By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God. But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.—Hebrews 11:5,6
2. He had an encounter with God at age 65. He named his son Methuselah, which means, "When he is dead it (judgment of the flood) shall come." Methuselah, the oldest living person in the bible, lived to be 969 years old.
3. He lived before the flood of Noah that Jesus spoke of. They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built—Luke 17:27-28
4. Enoch saw the Lord coming to judge the earth with His saints. And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him—Jude 14,15

F. Parables concerning the church age.

1. The Sower: The great commission to spread the Gospel—Matthew 13:3-9; 18-23
2. The Wheat and Tares: the harvest of righteous and unrighteous in the last days—Matthew 13:24-30;37-43
3. The Mustard Seed: the Kingdom of God will increase—Matthew 13:31-32
4. Leaven: the Kingdom of God will increase—Matthew 13:33-35
5. Hidden Treasure & the Pearl of Great Price: Christ came to seek and save that which was lost.—Matthew 13:44-46
6. Fishing Net, speaks of the completion of the Gospel harvest among every ethnic group—Matthew 13:47-50



II. When the fullness (harvest and salvation) of the Gentiles is complete the eyes of Israel will be opened to her Messiah.

A. *For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. —Romans 11:25*

B. *And they (the Jewish people) will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. — Luke 21:24*

C. *Jesus came to be a light to the Gentile Nations.*

1. "And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, Who shall stand as a banner to the people; For the Gentiles shall seek Him, And His resting place shall be glorious." —Isaiah 11:10

2. "Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One *in whom* My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles. —Isaiah 42:1

3. "I, the LORD, have called You in righteousness, And will hold Your hand; I will keep You and give You as a covenant to the people, As a light to the Gentiles. —Isaiah 42:6

D. *Messiah would come to bring salvation to Jews and Gentiles.*

1. Indeed He says, 'It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob, And to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles, That You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth.' —Isaiah 49:6

2. "Remember the days of old, Consider the years of many generations. Ask your father, and he will show you; Your elders, and they will tell you: When the Most High divided their inheritance to the nations, When He separated the sons of Adam, He set the boundaries of the peoples According to the number of the children of Israel. For the LORD's portion *is* His people; Jacob *is* the place of His inheritance. And He said: 'I will hide My face from them, I will see what their end *will be*, For they *are* a perverse generation, Children in whom *is* no faith. They have provoked Me to jealousy by *what* is not God; They have moved Me to anger by their foolish idols. But I will provoke them to jealousy by *those who are* not a nation; I will move them to anger by a foolish nation. —Deuteronomy 32:7-9,20,21



3. Then all the multitude kept silent and listened to Barnabas and Paul declaring how many miracles and wonders God had worked through them among the Gentiles. And after they had become silent, James answered, saying, "Men *and* brethren, listen to me: Simon has declared how God at the first visited the Gentiles to take out of them a people for His name. And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written: 'after this I will return and will rebuild the Tabernacle of David, which has fallen down; I will rebuild its ruins, and I will set it up; so that the rest of mankind may seek the lord, even all the Gentiles who are called by my name, says the lord who does all these things.' — Acts 15:12-17

4. Israel would reject Messiah while Gentiles would receive Messiah. What if God, wanting to show *His* wrath and to make His power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, and that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had prepared beforehand for glory, even us whom He called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles? As He says also in Hosea: "I WILL CALL THEM MY PEOPLE, WHO WERE NOT MY PEOPLE, AND HER BELOVED, WHO WAS NOT BELOVED." AND IT SHALL COME TO PASS IN THE PLACE WHERE IT WAS SAID TO THEM, 'YOU ARE NOT MY PEOPLE,' THERE THEY SHALL BE CALLED SONS OF THE LIVING GOD. — Romans 9:22-26

5. Then I will sow her for Myself in the earth, And I will have mercy on *her who had* not obtained mercy; Then I will say to *those who were* not My people, 'You *are* My people!' And they shall say, '*You are* my God!' — Hosea 2:23